

6/21/05 Data workgroup – meeting minutes

ON CALL:

Ashok Deshpande (NOAA)

Eric Frohmberg (ME)

Jack Schwartz (MA)

Bruce Ruppel (NJ)

Gary Buchanan (NJ)

Rick Greene (DE)

Reviewed past meeting minutes summarized. In short:

MD – done

NY – summarized. May need to add more information in an appendix since NY has so much data. Gary will talk to Ron about this.

Rick pointed out that we really should be mapping this data. Agreed that Eric will start working on that and Gary will help. Gary is also working on graphs showing how the stuff varies both temporally and spatially.

Ashok - NY may want to add a couple of sentences on Aroclor 1254 and Total PCB quantification procedures.

Jack modified the Mass write up.

Rick suggested we cite refs – even if they are simply personal communication.
EVERYONE PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR WRITE UP AND IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE DATA.

Rick noticed a duplicate paragraph in Delaware. Gary will correct.

Gary will write up an intro for this chapter and send out for review.

If there are any minor editorial comments, just email to Gary. Eric suggested we present that data north to south as has been consistent with the other workgroups.

Eric wrote up the NOAA data. Included at the end. Done. The suggested title for this section - “1984-86 Federal Survey of PCBs in the U.S. Atlantic Coast Bluefish”

Rick pointed out that we should document that we tried to get data from other sources, such as EPA, FDA, universities, etc. While it was agreed that data will turn up as soon as we are finished, we do want to document where we looked.

Draft Chapter Outline – Eric did not send out a revised chapter outline. Will do. As a matter of fact, here it is (I’ll also post it on the website after folks OK the minutes):

INTRO: To be written by Gary. Will include mile high view of the data and discussion of methods (e.g., who contacted) to get data. Will also point out that this project is focusing on total PCBs. Any relevant comments about consistencies from state to state (ala fingerprinting) would be included here.

DATA: Written – will be re-ordered N to S. Will add a bluefish heading for each state even if there is no data for that state.

ANALYSIS: Written by Rick, needs to be reviewed. Rick says this was extracted from a much longer write up. If it needs to be pared back even more, that's fine. Did include at the end a discussion of disadvantages and advantages. Can kill that if folks are not comfortable with that. Will include a brief comment on dioxin like PCBs, basically acknowledging that they are there, and maybe noting that in Delaware's case, they add only 20-30% risk over the conventional risk calculations..

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- First priority is to repeat the NOAA study with both bluefish and striped bass
- Second tier is data repository, consistency, etc.

NEXT STEPS:

FOLKS – make recommendations before the next call re: changes. Try to get this wrapped up by next month:

- Eric will send out outline will incorporate edits and comments (See above).
- Gary will write an intro and summary and send out for review.

Eric will contact bio workgroups and we'll meet together at the next call.

NEXT CALL:

July 19th - 10 AM.